



## Overview of November 2000 Community Design Workshops

### Identifying Community Values

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## Purpose of the Community Design Process

- Understand what are the most important community objectives to factor into the design process
- Understand the community's vision for a successful project
- Understand what ideas will address the community's principles and values
- Provide input from participants to design team and committees

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## Who Participated

- Workshops were held in four communities:
  - Eastlake, Portage Bay, Roanoke, North Capitol hill neighborhoods (13 participants)
  - Montlake and Laurelhurst neighborhoods (15 participants)
  - Clyde Hill, Medina, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point, Kirkland, and northwest Bellevue (20 participants)
  - East Bellevue and Redmond (19 participants)
- Workshop participants were invited to represent the community – residents, businesses, community facilities
- Open houses were also held following workshops to receive public input

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## What We Heard

- West side of the Lake – Seattle neighborhoods
  - Open spaces, such as parks and walkways, are important
  - Riding bicycles and walking is a valued community activity
  - Reconnect the neighborhoods across SR 520
  - Reduce noise, air, and water pollution from SR 520
  - Access to transit is important
  - Cut-through traffic disturbs residents and businesses
  - Preserve the residential feel of the neighborhoods
  - Reduce the demand for single occupant cars

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## What We Heard

- West of I-405 to Lake Washington
  - Preserve a quiet, residential, and suburban community
  - More open space, parks, recreational facilities are desirable
  - Address the noise, air, and water pollution from SR 520
  - Protect and enhance the natural areas along SR 520
  - Reconnect the towns and cities across SR 520
  - Pedestrian and bicycle facilities are used by the community
  - Cut-through traffic prevents access for residences and businesses
  - Access to transit is desirable to residents

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## What We Heard

- East of I-405 to Redmond
  - Promote 'quiet streets' near and on interchanges
  - Increase access for residents to SR 520
  - Recognize importance of transit to the community
  - Implement long-term solutions that protect the neighborhoods
  - Protect the natural areas along the corridor
  - Interest in exploring development over freeway

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## What Happens Next

- Next series of workshops will be held on February 26, 27, 28 and March 1 to review potential design options for modal alternatives
- Final series of workshops held in late April to review potential design options for multi-modal alternatives